

SUBCUTANEOUS (SQ) INJECTION TECHNIQUE

Remove the cover from the needle and hold the syringe like a "dart" (your thumb will be on the side of the syringe closest to you, and your index and middle fingers will be on the other side of the syringe). Lift up the skin either between the shoulder blades or over their rump, and "make a tent" (see diagram). You will be injecting into the <u>space</u> under the skin. Think of the skin forming a tent with two sides, and you are putting the needle through the front door.

Note: If you are right-handed, your left hand makes the tent, and your right hand guides the needle, and vice versa.



Once you have inserted the needle through the skin (through the "front door" of your "tent") place your index finger on the end of the syringe plunger, and press forward to inject the contents of the syringe under the skin (to the inside of your "tent"!). Once the injection has been completed, remove the needle from under the skin and carefully replace the cover of the needle.

Please save all discarded needles/syringes in an empty coffee can (or similar), and bring to the Oradell Animal Hospital for proper disposal.

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